

## OPENING GAME OF SERIES JUST ORDINARY, SAYS RICE

Nothing Wonderful About Contest Which Athletics Win From Chicago Cubs, Who Do Not Do Anything Extraordinary In "Insi de Baseball" Work.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—It was just an ordinary ball game, that first game of the world's series, played here yesterday, in which the Athletics beat the Chicago Cubs by 4 to 1.

Nothing to it but just an ordinary game. Throughout the entire contest there was not a single solitary chance to play the game otherwise than it would have been played by two of the veriest of back-lot teams. Get your man on first and bat him around in the principle. If you can't hit the pitcher and know it, take a chance on stealing. If you can't steal, get on first anyhow and trust to any kind of favor from the fickle Goddess of Chance in the way of boots, bad throws, muffs, and the hundred and one other things that sometimes make a team win in spite of itself. There you have the most important game played in all America this year. It was a mere throw-and-go affair without inside workings.

We realize that a number of our brethren at the typewriter are going to pound out long theories on the fitness of the two leaders and the rare acumen shown by this, that, and the other player, but we give you our word, most of it will be tummyrot. It will make interesting reading, and will create a most desirable impression of the astuteness and the acute perspicacity of the writers. They may even get them an increase in wages, but there will be nothing to it for those who saw the game.

### Athletics' Strong Point.

The absolute reliance of the Athletics on their hitting and pitching. If either of these fall then they are gone come as sure as you are born to die. Bender furnished the pitching yesterday, and as long as Overall was in the box the sturdy sluggers of the Athletics furnished the hits. When that peculiar pitcher, McIntire, succeeded Overall and held the Athletics helpless in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh innings, they looked exactly like the Cubs. Not a wait better.

With two out in the eighth inning McIntire walked Collins. He made several attempts to catch Collins napping at first and nearly succeeded. Encouraged by this he made the throw once too often and chucked the ball past Davis into right field.

A monumental intellect was not required to suggest to Collins that it would be well for him to hurry that throw to third on an error so bad that he might even have reached home in a pinch.

Baker followed this exceedingly ordinary miscue and advance with a double into the crowd in right. The ball hit the fence a foot or two below the top, and Collins was inspired to go home from third. Thus was the run made off McIntire, the man the Athletics reached for exactly one hit—Baker's double—in the five full innings. We are not disparaging the Athletics for feeling in a much better humor with Philadelphia since they won, but are illustrating the grade of baseball involved in the method of scoring off McIntire.

### Cubs Work Invisible.

As for the Cubs and their vastly vaunted inside work, it was not in sight. They never had an opportunity to do more than our little brother used to do when he was a substitute on the freshman team at the Agricultural College. In the first eight innings, precisely one Cub reached first base, and he was there twice. The man was Schulte. He singled in the first inning, and started the steal. The throw of Thomas to Collins nailed him with childish ease. Schulte walked in the fourth inning and again set sail for second by the theft route. Once more Thomas and Collins snatched him without the aid of a net or spirit messages from Prof. James. He was just naturally annihilated. He didn't have a show.

We wish some kind friend would step to bat and stand on the earth the Cubs could do more than they did in those eight rounds when they never landed on first except in the two instances enumerated.

The run made by the Cubs was a mere routine affair that any Sunday School league team would have made under the same circumstances. Bender tagged a hit at the opening of the ninth inning. He was four runs to the good, and sort of eased up, perhaps unconsciously.

Tinker singled cleanly to center, and Strunk booted the ball. Whereupon Tinker hastened right along to second, having plenty of time to slide and a perfectly normal hit off Bender. It went to deep right center and Tinker scored. Bender was then hit by McIntire and was thrown out by Collins. Bender put on extra steam, and fanned Schulte after a couple of fouls. Schulte walked. Hoffman smashed to Baker, who touched third, forcing Kling, and it was all over.

**Athletics' Runs.** As for the Athletics' runs, they were entirely free from uniqueness. Seven hits, including doubles by Baker and Lord, in the first three innings produced three runs. Collins in the first inning and Baker in the third, with two men what they intended to do. The steal Kling got them both so far that when they were put out they had forgotten that the intended to do. The steal was the logical play in each instance, and, by the same token, it would have occurred to any other player as well as Kling to throw out the runner. Even Sam Woods would have done that.

We draw attention to these homely truths, as we have said, because of the guff that is going to be written now and this winter about inside baseball. Most of the inside talk is con. The brains team has it on a collection of homebats is a cinch, but it is quite possible that the whole world's series may be decided by games like that of yesterday, in which neither contender has the slightest opening for the use of any except the most rudimentary elements of the national pastime.

### Base Running Mediocore.

The baserunning, upon which so much is supposed to depend in this series, was not marvelous, as may be seen from the fact that no bases were stolen. The pitchers pitched out when they had a batter in the hole with two strikes. The runners invariably refused to bide on that first timer. Then the pitcher pitched out again, and the batter went down just as fast as he could. He hurried up, truly, but the catcher always nipped him with plenty to spare, and the move profited nothing whatsoever.

## CUB FANS ANXIOUS TO BET MORE COIN

Defeat Jars Chicago Backers But Does Not Destroy Their Confidence.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Confidence, surprise, confidence.

That was the way Chicago's baseball backers fluctuated from the time the ticker tipped the batteries for the initial game until it smeared the tape with its gloomy "good-night," after ticking off the story of the rout of the Cubs in far-off Philadelphia, while thousands of fans impatiently toyed with the paper ribbon while waiting for the rally that would turn defeat into victory, a rally that was started, but that ended, not in a way romantic magazine writers say such final attacks do.

Thronging the sidewalks in front of the newspaper offices, drug stores, smoke-shops and tontorial parlors, where bulletins of the Philadelphia disaster were posted by grinning hands, surrounding the blackboards in the buffets where the score by innings was chalked up, lounging in the fashionable clubs for the returns from the Quaker City battle, crowding to capacity the halls and theaters where the score boards served as magnets, Chicago's fandom robbed of its opportunity of witnessing the world's series inaugural by the flip of a coin, segregating itself into many expectant throngs, confident of celebrating a Cub victory, but given but one chance to cheer.

That opportunity came in the ninth inning, when "Fighting Joe" Tinker, raced across the plate and saved Chicago's idols the ignominy of a shut-out in the first battle for the greatest prize in baseball.

But the disappointment following the initial defeat was but momentary. The confidence in the superiority of the Cubs and the superiority of the Cubs' fandom over the Athletics, which has prevailed for the last two weeks, was again rampant as soon as the dazed fans fully realized that the unexpected had happened.

### THREE-MILE RUN INVITES ATHLETES

The Baltimore Cross Country Club will hold its three-mile cross-country run over a mile and half course on October 23, at its quarters at Edgemoor Park. The run is open to athletes registered in the South Atlantic Association of Cross Country Runners. The prizes this year are four in number and handsome. A gold medal will go to the winner, a gold-silver trophy will be awarded the second man, and bronze designs will be given the next three runners.

### High School Series

**Tuesday, October 18—Eastern vs. Western.**  
**Friday, October 21—Business vs. Technical.**  
**\*Tuesday, October 25—Eastern vs. Western.**  
**Friday, October 28—Business vs. Central.**  
**Tuesday, November 1—Technical vs. Western.**  
**Friday, November 4—Business vs. Eastern.**  
**Tuesday, November 8—Central vs. Technical.**  
**Friday, November 11—Business vs. Western.**  
**Tuesday, November 15—Eastern vs. Technical.**  
**Friday, November 18—Central vs. Western.**  
\*May be shifted.

## Wall Street Takes Profits—New York Central Advances Sharply

NEW YORK STOCKS WERE ERRATIC, BUT PRICE CHANGES WERE NOT IMPORTANT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The market was a bit more wobbly today, but by no means soft. There was positive resistance to the trend of lower values induced by liquidation, and later part of the loss was recovered, although more selling brought another reaction. The announcement of the failure of the Chicago Bank of Commerce, with \$3,000,000 deposits, was not an especially good omen. The statement by Sir Edward Holden, chairman of the London City and Midland Bank, and representative of the English continental bankers, that the time in which unguaranteed bills of lading would be accepted and extended to the end of the year, was a pleasant surprise, in view of the deadlock on this matter. This practically clears all difficulties for the present export season.

The prevailing opinion in important specialist circles is that the stock market is destined for higher prices, and that nothing more than occasional moderate technical reactions need be looked

for before a considerably higher level is reached. The financial community as a whole is just now more bullish than it has been at any time this year. Public interest is being revived, and in the aggregate the buying by outsiders who are re-entering the market, is believed to have been considerable the last few days and should increase as the market continues its upward swing.

Close observers say they can find no sign of any attempt as yet at an extensive distribution of stocks. The coming mainly from the rank and file of professional operators, while the big interests still appear to be satisfied to hold on to their stocks. Commission house business is found to be the best among those firms with Western and Southern wire connections, indicating that these points are more active in the market than the Eastern cities. The buying side should be favored on any slight reactions of a point or two. No important set back is believed to be in sight now.

## Today's New York Stock Exchange Prices

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hildreth & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Washington Stock Exchange, and Chicago Board of Trade, Hildreth Building.

### INDUSTRIALS.

	High.	Low.	p.m. Close.
Amal. Copper.....	71	70 1/4	70 3/4
Am. Beet Sugar.....	39	38 1/2	38 3/4
Am. Can. ....	94	93 1/2	94
Am. Can. pf.....	70 1/4	70 1/4	71
Am. Car. & Fdy.....	54 1/2	54 1/2	55
Am. Car. Fdy. ....	116	115	116
Am. Cotton Oil.....	67	66 1/2	67
Am. Cotton Oil, pf.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	103
Am. Ice Securities.....	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Am. Loco. ....	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Am. Loco. pf.....	94	94	94
Am. Sm. & Re.....	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Am. Tel. & Tel.....	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
Am. Tobacco, pf.....	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Am. Woolen.....	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Woolen pf.....	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Woolen, pf.....	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Cent. Leather.....	36	35 1/2	36
Cent. Leather, pf.....	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Col. F. & L.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Col. Hock. C. & L.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Con. Gas M. ....	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
C. P. R. ....	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Dist. Securities.....	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
General Electric.....	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
Goldfield Cons.....	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Great Northern Ore.....	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Inter. Paper.....	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Inter. Steam P.....	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
MacKay Co. ....	112	112	112
National Biscuit, pf.....	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Nat. Lead.....	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
N. Y. A. B.....	77	77	77
Pac. Mail Steam.....	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Pac. Gas of Cal.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Pullman Company.....	124	124	124
Ry. Steel Spgs.....	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Ry. Steel Spgs, pf.....	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Rep. L. & S.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Sloss-S. S. & L.....	56	55 1/2	56 1/2
Tenn. Copper.....	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
U. S. R. & Im.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
U. S. Rubber.....	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
U. S. Steel.....	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Utah Copper.....	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Va. Car. Chem. ....	64	64	64
Va. Iron Coal & Coke.....	66	66	66
West Union Tel.....	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
West. Elec. Man.....	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2

### BONDS

Amer. Tobacco 5's.....	106
B. & O. Gen. 4's.....	99 1/2
B. & O. R. T. Con. 4's.....	84 1/2
C. & O. J. 4's.....	98 1/2
C. R. L. & P. 4's.....	75 1/2
Chi. R. I. & Pac. 5's.....	94 1/2
Int. Meter. 4 1/2's.....	81 1/2
Nor. Pac. P. L. 4's.....	101
Southern Ry. 5's.....	105
U. S. Con. 4's.....	104 1/2
U. S. Steel 5's.....	104 1/2

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### RAILROADS.

	High.	Low.	p.m. Close.
A. T. & S. Fe com.....	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
A. T. & S. Fe pf.....	101	101	101 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line.....	113	113 1/2	113 1/2
Baito. & Ohio com.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Baito. & Ohio pf.....	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Brooklyn Rap. Trans.....	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Canadian Pacific.....	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
C. C. & St. L.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Ches. & Ohio.....	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
C. & O. W. new.....	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
C. M. & St. P. com.....	126	127 1/2	128 1/2
C. & N. W. com.....	149	149 1/2	149 1/2
Col. & S. W. com.....	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Del. Lack. Western.....	100	100	100
Den. & R. G. com.....	78	78	77 1/2
Erie.....	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Erie, 1st pf.....	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Great North. pf.....	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Hocking Valley com.....	130	130	130
Inter. Metro. ....	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Inter. Metro. pf.....	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Kan. City So. com.....	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Kan. City So. pf.....	67	67	67
Kan. & Wash.....	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2
Mo. K. & T. com.....	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Mo. K. & T. pf.....	68	68	68
Mexican Cent. cts.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
M.S.P. & S.S.M. com.....	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
M.S.P. & S.S.M. pf.....	146	146	146
Missouri Pacific.....	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
N. Y. C. & H. R.....	119 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
N. Y. C. & St. L. com.....	67	68	68
N. Y. C. & St. L. 2d.....	95	95	95
N. Y. Ont. & W.....	43	43	43 1/2
Norfolk & Western.....	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Northern Pacific.....	121	120 1/2	121
Pennsylvania.....	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
P. C. & St. L.....	93	93	93
Reading.....	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
Rock Isl. com.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Rock Isl. pf.....	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
St. L. & S. F. pf.....	43 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
St. L. S. W. pf.....	68	68	68 1/2
So. Pacific.....	118 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2
So. Railway com.....	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
So. Railway pf.....	61	61	61 1/2
Texas & Pacific.....	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Third Avenue.....	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
T. S. L. & W. com.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
T. S. L. & W. pf.....	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Union Pac. com.....	174 1/2	173 1/2	174 1/2
Union Pac. pf.....	34	34 1/2	34 1/2
Wabash.....	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Wabash, pf.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
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Western Md.....	43	43	43 1/2

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